<u>Amendments to the Claims</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

Claim 1 (Currently amended):   An electronic still camera capable of storing in one directory a

predetermined number of image files each of which is formed from data of an image picked up

by image pickup means, said electronic still camera comprising:

selection means for selecting unit which selects a desired image pickup mode

from among a plurality of kinds of image pickup modes; and

control means for unit which, when the image pickup mode selected by said

selection means unit is a predetermined image pickup mode, storing an image file allows to store

the image files in a current directory even if the number of image files stored in the current

directory exceeds the predetermined number, and when the image pickup mode selected by said

selection unit is another mode, forbids to store the image files which exceed the predetermined

number in the current directory.

Claim 2 (Original):   An electronic still camera according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined

image pickup mode is a mode of picking up images which constitute a combination of serial

images.

Claim 3 (Original):   An electronic still camera according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined

image pickup mode is a continuous shooting mode of continuously picking up images at a

predetermined time interval.

Claim 4 (Original):   An electronic still camera according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined

image pickup mode is a panorama joining image pickup mode.

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Claim 5 (Original): An electronic still camera according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of image files is a multiple of fifty.

Claim 6 (Original): An electronic still camera according to claim 1, wherein said control means stores image files each having an identification number in an image pickup order appended, irrespective of the selected image pickup mode and a location of the directory in which the image files are stored.

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Claim 13 (Currently amended): A method for controlling an electronic still camera capable of storing in one directory a predetermined number of image files each of which is formed from data of an image picked up by image pickup means, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired image pickup mode from among a plurality of kinds of image pickup modes; and

when the selected image pickup mode is a predetermined image pickup mode, storing an image file allowing to store the image files in a current directory even if the number of image files stored in the current directory exceeds the predetermined number, and

when the selected image pickup mode is another mode, forbidding to store the image files which exceed the predetermined number in the current directory.

Claim 14 (Original): A method according to claim 13, wherein the predetermined image pickup mode is a mode of picking up images which constitute a combination of serial images.

Claim 15 (Original): A method according to claim 13, wherein the predetermined image pickup mode is a continuous shooting mode of continuously picking up images at a predetermined time interval.

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Claim 16 (Original): A method according to claim 13, wherein the predetermined image pickup mode is a panorama joining image pickup mode.

Claim 17 (Original): A method according to claim 13, wherein the predetermined number of image files is a multiple of fifty.

Claim 18 (Original): A method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of storing image files each having an identification number in an image pickup order appended, irrespective of the selected image pickup mode and a location of the directory in which the image files are stored.

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Claim 25 (Currently amended): A storage medium which stores therein a program for executing a process for controlling an electronic still camera capable of storing in one directory a predetermined number of image files each of which is formed from data of an image picked up by image pickup means, said process comprising:

selecting a desired image pickup mode from among a plurality of kinds of image pickup modes; and

when the selected image pickup mode is a predetermined image pickup mode, ~~storing an image file~~ allowing to store the image files in a current directory even if the number of image files stored in the current directory exceeds the predetermined number, and

~~when the selected image pickup mode is another mode, forbidding to store the~~ ~~image files which exceed the predetermined number in the current directory~~..

Claim 26 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined image pickup mode is a mode of picking up images which constitute a combination of serial images.

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Claim 27 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined image pickup mode is a continuous shooting mode of continuously picking up images at a predetermined time interval.

Claim 28 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined image pickup mode is a panorama joining image pickup mode.

Claim 29 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined number of image files is a multiple of fifty.

Claim 30 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 25, wherein said process further comprises storing image files each having an identification number in an image pickup order appended, irrespective of the selected image pickup mode and a location of the directory in which the image files are stored.

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